



The Cominco American Championship Mine Rescue Team is, front, from left: Keith Malone, superintendent, mine; W. Bruce Cash, tail captain; Clarence Barton, team trainer; John Key, general manager; Steven Dunn, briefing officer. Back, from left: Mark Mayfield, benchman; Marvin Mathes, first aid man; James Hafner, captain; David Roberts, gasman; Robert Voss, mapman.

Cominco mine team wins mine rescue contest

The \$5,000 Ansul Mine Safety Scholarship has been awarded to Magmont Mine Rescue Team of Cominco American Incorporated, who won the championship of the Metal and Non-Metal Mine Rescue Contest held in Las Vegas July 19 - 20.

This was the second championship for the Magmont Mine Team from Bixby. They first won the contest in 1976. The contest is held once every two years.

Runners-up in the contest, were: 2nd, Hardrockers Team, Stillwater Mining Company, Nye, MT; 3rd,

Maysville, KY.

As winners of the tenth biennial contest, the Cominco American team will decide who is eligible to apply for the \$5,000 scholarship, and what criteria will be used to determine the winner. Members of the team included James Hafner, captain; Robert Voss, Mississippi Chemical Mine Rescue Team, Carlsbad, NM; 4th, Rhone-Poulenc Blue Team, Rhone-Poulenc of Wyoming, Green River WY; 5th, Doe Run Team, The Doe Run Company, Viburnum, MO; 6th, Raiders Team, Dravo Lime Company,

David Roberts, Marvin Mathes, Bruce Cash, Mark Mayfield, and Steve Dunn. Team Trainer is Clarence Barton, Safety and Loss Control Manager.

General guidelines for the scholarship award stipulate that the winner must be either an employee or the child of an employee of the team's sponsoring mine, and must be planning to attend a college, university or vocational institution as a full time student. The team expects to announce the winner of the scholarship next spring.

Mine rescue team wins first place

The Cominco American, Inc., Magmont Operations mine rescue team of Bixby, Mo. won first place in the 1990 National Metal and Non-metal Mine Rescue Contest held July 18-19 at Las Vegas, Nev.

Rescue teams were tested on the fundamentals of disaster response where teams might be called to action in an emergency.

According to Donna M. White, director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Doe Run Operations mine rescue team of Viburnum, Mo. placed fifth in the competition.

"The extraordinary value of a mine rescue team is recognized throughout the mining industry," Ms. White said. "Teams may be requested to provide aid in rescuing fellow miners in trouble or giving assistance to neighboring mines who are experiencing an emergency situation."

She said the manner in which a team reacts to a problem in a simulated situation gives the public and fellow workers some view of how that team will react in a true emergency.

The Magmont team consisted of James C. Hafner, captain; Robert L. Voss, mapman; David P. Roberts, gasman; Marvin L. Mathes, first-aid man; W. Bruce Cash, tail captain; and Mark Mayfield, benchman.

The 1990 contest was the largest held since its inception. The field consisted of teams from 15 states representing 27 different mining companies.

1990 metal and nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest

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